

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

[0050] A transparent measuring device having a planar structure, a plurality of markings, at least one window, and a seam allowance guide. The planar structure has an upper surface and a lower surface, and the markings are formed on the lower surface of the planar structure. The markings are formed as a plurality raised ribs protruding from the lower surface of the planar structure. The raised ribs are fabricated from transparent material and so configured to induce visual graduation of light beams propagating therethrough. The seam allowance guide is removably and slidably attached to the planar structure at the window. The seam allowance guide has an upper guide bar and a lower guide bar, and the distance between the upper and lower guide bars automatically calculates a seam allowance for a desired pattern.